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Application No.: 10/716,597  
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 Inventor(s): André Meunier et al.  
 Title: **SNOWMOBILE SKI HAVING A SELF-STEERING KEEL ARRANGEMENT**  
 Examiner: BOEHLER, Anne Marie M.  
 Art unit: 3611

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 Washington D.C. 20231

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Sir:

This is pursuant to the Official Action dated February 4, 2004, with a delay for reply expiring July 2, 2004.

Please find herein enclosed a set of annotated claims, including original claims 1-17, currently amended claim 18 and new independent claim 19.

You are hereby authorized to debit our deposit account No. 12:110 for the amount of US \$43 for the small entity fee of one (1) independent claim in excess of three (3).

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It is thus the opinion of the applicant that independent claims 1, 7 or 16 should be considered patentable in light of the foregoing argumentation. Dependent claims 2, 6, 8, 15 and 17 should also be considered patentable since they depend directly or indirectly from either one of these independent claims 1, 7 or 16.


New independent claim 19 has been incorporated to the present application to more accurately define the scope of protection sought by the applicant. No new subject matter is incorporated to the present application by the addition of claim 19, as the method for steering a ski is fully described in the disclosure, for example on page 14, line 7 to page 18, line 12. This new claim 19 is believed to be patentable over the prior art of record.

In light of the above arguments, the Applicant therefore asks the Examiner to reconsider her opinion regarding patentability of the present invention as claimed in original claims 1-18. A favourable consideration of the patentability of the new method claim 19 is also hereby requested.

In the event where only minor changes were required to process this application to allowance, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at phone number (514) 861-4831 to work by way of Examiner's amendment so as to expedite the prosecution of this application.

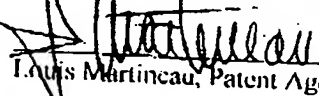
Regards,

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It is hereby certified that this amendment paper, consisting of 16 page(s) including 8 page(s) of the present letter and the 8 annexed pages of annotated claims, is being facsimile transmitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office on June 30, 2004.

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## CLAIMS AS FILED - PART I

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## CLAIMS AS AMENDED - PART II

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